Motion carried at STUC Black Workers Conference October 2026.

Conference notes that CAF (Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles), a train manufacturer involved in the so-called Jerusalem Light Rail project, which connects illegal Israeli settlements with Jerusalem has been shortlisted to provide a new fleet of trains for ScotRail.

Conference welcomes the condemnation of this decision by rail unions and the STUC who have called on ScotRail and the Scottish Government to exclude CAF from the shortlist.

The train drivers union ASLEF have also taken a position that should CAF be successful in the bidding process then members will not drive these trains.

Conference salutes this stance and recognises that trade unions have a responsibility to take principled positions on international solidarity and human rights. PCS did this with combatting the Rwanda plan and stands ready to support civil servant members who are concerned about abetting genocide.

Conference further believes that the wider trade union movement has a duty to stand alongside workers who have already spoken out. We must defend them and ensure that solidarity is reflected not only in trade union policies, but in practices.

Conference therefore instructs the STUC Black Workers' Committee to work with the STUC General Council and affiliates to -

- Demand that CAF be excluded from the shortlist to supply the new ScotRail train fleet.
- Oppose CAF's involvement in the Jerusalem Light Rail project.
- Engage with ASLEF and other relevant rail unions to oppose the shortlisting of CAF.
- Work with Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign and affiliated unions to strengthen practical solidarity with Palestinian workers and communities, including by exploring opportunities for solidarity action in our own workplaces.
- Support and defend black trade union members who raise concerns about human rights violations, ensuring they can do so without fear of victimisation.